

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A housing for a mobile terminal comprising:
a top portion configured to accept an accessory for a mobile terminal with a bar code reader, *via* a rail frame affixed to an accessory compartment of the top portion, the rail frame comprising a mounting component that engages with the accessory and guides the accessory into the compartment, the rail frame further comprising a locking component that engages the accessory within the top portion, the top portion adapted to accept a key pad *via* a transitional frame, the key pad has a width larger than a width of the top portion of the housing; and
a bottom portion with a handle configured to be held in the palm of a hand.
2. (Original) The housing of claim 1, the mounting component and the locking component located at an end of the rail frame.
3. (Original) The housing of claim 1, the rail having a channel shaped or tapered cross section.
4. (Original) The housing of claim 1, the rail selected from the group consisting of metal and plastic.
5. (Original) The housing of claim 1, the handle comprising a handle compartment for hosting a stylus of the mobile terminal.
6. (Original) The housing of claim 5, the handle compartment further comprising sculpted ribs on an inner side as to guide the stylus therewithin.

7. (Original) The housing of claim 1, the bottom portion comprising a mass element for lowering a center of gravity of the mobile terminal.
8. (Original) The housing of claim 7, the location of the mass element being adjustable for balancing a weight of the terminal according to a user's preference.
9. (Original) The housing of claim 1, the bottom portion further comprising shock isolation in a form of a rubber component with a groove.
10. (Original) The housing of claim 9, the rubber component insert molded as part of the bottom portion.
11. (Original) The housing of claim 1, the handle further comprises a neck grip feature as a raised projection protruding out therefrom.
12. (Original) The housing of claim 11, the neck grip feature insert molded as part of the handle.
13. (Original) The housing of claim 11, the neck grip feature placed on an opposite side of a trigger of the handle.
14. (Original) The housing of claim 11, the neck grip feature provides a rest region for a user's hand.
15. (Canceled)
16. (Original) The housing of claim 10, the top portion or the transitional frame includes a latching assembly.
17. (Canceled)

18. (Withdrawn)
19. (Withdrawn)
20. (Withdrawn)
21. (Withdrawn)
22. (Original) A mobile terminal comprising:
 - a top housing configured to accept an accessory for the mobile terminal *via* an interface means affixed to an accessory compartment of the top housing;
 - a bottom housing with a handle configured to be held in the palm of a hand; and
 - a key pad with alerting means being activated upon a change of mode or function of the mobile terminal, as to alert a user of the change.
23. (Withdrawn)
24. (Withdrawn)
25. (Withdrawn)
26. (Withdrawn)
27. (Currently amended) A connection assembly that connects a key pad to a mobile terminal comprising:
 - a mounting frame connectable to a plurality of key pads, the mounting frame further connectable to over-sized key pads;
 - a latch or notch element positioned on an outer side of the mounting frame; and
 - a matching latch or notch element that corresponds to the latch or notch element and engages therewith to connect the mounting frame to a mobile terminal.

28. (Currently amended) A method of connecting a key pad to a mobile terminal comprising:

providing a transitional frame connectable to a mobile terminal, the transitional frame further connectable to a plurality of keypads including key pads with widths greater than the width of the mobile terminal; and

determining selection of a key pad from the plurality of keypads, for connection to the mobile terminal by the transitional frame.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 28 further comprising accepting the keypad by the transitional frame.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29 further comprising accepting the mobile terminal by the transitional frame for connection to the key pad.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30 further comprising maintaining a position of the key pad on the mobile terminal by the transitional frame *via* at least one latch or notch mechanism.

32. (Currently amended) A method of connecting a key pad to a mobile terminal comprising:

selecting a key pad from a plurality of keypads, each of the plurality of keypads connectable to a transitional frame, the transitional frame connectable to a mobile terminal, the transitional frame further connectable to key pads larger than the mobile terminal;

connecting the keypad to the transitional frame; and

connecting the transitional frame to the mobile terminal.